

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently amended) A gasket comprising a substantially square or rectangular ~~unitary monolithic frame comprising~~ comprised of a plasticized resin and having an inner peripheral edge, ~~and an outer peripheral edge, an upper surface and a lower surface,~~ the inner peripheral edge including a nose or protrusion comprised of said resin wherein said nose or protrusion projects beyond said upper or said lower surface, ~~being convex and of continuously curved configuration over the full width of the gasket and being provided with a liner of chemically resistant fluorocarbon material conforming with the convex and continuously curved inner peripheral edge~~ said nose or protrusion and a portion of the frame in addition to said nose or protrusion ~~the inner peripheral edge.~~
2. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1, in which the liner is made of polytetrafluoroethylene.
3. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner peripheral edge is part-circular in cross-section.
4. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1 provided with holes to accommodate sealing bolts.
- 5-6. (Cancelled).
7. (Original) A gasket as claimed in Claim 1 in which the opposite faces of the gasket are planar.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1, in which the protrusion or nose extends around substantially the entire perimetral length of the frame.

10. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1, which the protrusion or nose is provided on the inner peripheral edge of the gasket frame.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 40 1, in which the protrusion or nose is of curved bulbous configuration.

13-14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1 in which the protrusion or nose is of a shape capable of effecting a pinch seal when used with a second gasket in the form of a frame having an inner peripheral edge and an outer peripheral edge, the inner peripheral edge of the gasket being of continuously curved convex configuration and being provided with a liner of chemically resistant material conforming with the continuously curved inner peripheral edge.

16. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1 in which the gasket is provided with a protrusion or nose on opposite sides thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1 in which at least one side of the gasket is planar and wherein the frame is locally enlarged at its inner peripheral edge to form said nose which projects beyond the plane of the gasket on said at least one side thereof to effect sealing contact.

18. (Currently amended) A gasket as claimed in Claim 8 1 adapted to mate with a second gasket, wherein said frame is suitable for compression together with the frame of a second gasket of similar configuration between a pair of flanges, the protrusion being resilient for effecting a pinch seal with a similar protrusion on a second gasket.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The gasket of claim 1 wherein the cross-section of the frame is of rectangular cross section with the dimension perpendicular to the gasket plane being smaller than the dimension in the plane of the gasket.

23. (Previously presented) The gasket of claim 1 wherein said liner is of substantially uniform thickness.

24-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) A gasket according to claim 1, wherein the plasticized resin comprises an EPDM resin.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) A gasket according to claim 1, wherein the liner is U-shaped and wherein the interior space defined by the U-shaped liner is substantially completely filled with the material of which the frame is composed.

30-42. (Cancelled)